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NATIONAL SERVICE DAY PROJECTS PLANNED IN COMMUNITY

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will sponsor “Raise Spirits and Help Fright Poverty” as part of this year’s Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Local projects celebrating the nation’s largest day of service will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Poverello Center homeless shelter and from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Joseph Residence transitional housing facility.

At the Poverello Center, student volunteers will create a festive atmosphere for lunchtime visitors and prepare and serve a “Spooky Meal.”

Volunteers then will head to the Joseph Residence to help children there make Halloween costumes.

OCE has sponsored projects for Make a Difference Day, founded by USA Weekend magazine, for more than eight years. Past projects have included garden cleanups, playground construction, homeless shelter maintenance and clothing and food collection drives.

For more information about this year’s service projects or to sign up to volunteer, call Lauren at 243-5531, e-mail lauren.amato@mso.umt.edu or visit the OCE office in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

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